

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 7-9 and 17 have been amended. Applicants make these amendments without prejudice to pursuing the original subject matter of this application in a later filed application claiming benefit of the instant application, including without prejudice to any determination of equivalents of the claimed subject matter. Support for these amendments appears throughout the specification and claims as filed. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

#### **Allowable subject matter**

Applicants acknowledge that in the Notice of Allowability, claims 2-9, 16, and 17 were amended by Examiner's amendments. Applicants have incorporated the Examiner's amendments regarding claims 2-9, 16, and 17. Applicants have determined that additional amendments are necessary to reflect the agreed upon amendments based on the telephone interview of December 5, 2005 with Applicants' undersigned representative.

Claims 7-9 have been further amended to incorporate the language "M is absent or selected from: -O-; -S-; -NH-; or -NR<sub>1</sub>-, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is as defined in claim 1." Support for the amendment to claim 7 can be found at page 10, lines 20-22 and at page 5, lines 17-21. Support for the amendment to claim 8 can be found at page 11, lines 20-22 and at page 5, lines 17-21. Support for the amendment to claim 9 can be found at page 12, lines 18-20 and at page 5, lines 17-21.

The Applicants have amended claim 17 as indicated in the Examiner's amendment, but have further amended claim 17 to reincorporate the term "catalyst." Support can be found in claim 17, as filed.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Should any of the claims not be found to be allowable, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below. Applicants thank the Examiner in advance for this courtesy.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 50530-61558.

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